

**Plants on Defensive.**  
 Though some plants assume the offensive and catch insects for food, others act on the defensive to protect them from being used for food. This special provision accounts for the presence of thorns, spines, stinging hairs, etc.

**Make Gems of Them.**  
 Nearly all artificial gems—that is to say, stones that are really made by artificial means—are compounds of alum crystallized under special conditions. The metallic salts that are added during fusion determine whether the stones produced shall be sapphires, rubies or Oriental topazes, amethysts or emeralds.

**Ring Fingers.**  
 The third finger of the left hand is "the" ring finger; that is the engagement ring is worn there, and the wedding ring. Rings may also be worn on the little fingers of each hand.

**Stops Flag Wrapping.**  
 The wind will not play pranks with your flag if a soft piece of feather bone, as used by dressmakers, is run through a casing of narrow navy blue ribbon along the upper edge of the field. The casing will never be noticed if carefully done.

**Complimenting Father.**  
 Charles received a wagon on his birthday and promptly broke a wheel. His father soon mended it. "Papa," he said, "you are smarter than you look."

**Plants Are Prolific.**  
 If all the seeds of any one sort of plant were allowed to grow they would soon cover the earth to the exclusion of all else. A single orchid plant produced more than 10,000,000 seeds in a season and many common plants, as the foxglove, very nearly equal this remarkable record.

**Modern Youth.**  
 Dorothy (aged ten) to Bobbie (aged eleven)—"We must be more careful what we say before mamma; she picks up our slang so readily."

**Eyes Are Neglected.**  
 Carelessness in regard to the eyes has obviously been the cause of many woes. As soon as we become alive to them we shall perceive the importance of systematically checking these evils and giving relief to a majority of people from unnecessary suffering.—Exchange.

**Optimistic Thought.**  
 Men fight, but it is Providence that giveth the victory.

**Dolly Dillon.**  
 Dolly Dillon, denouncing dawdlers, disdained dashing Dick Dereritt, debonair dancer. Dick, despairing, defied decorum, dug ditches daily, duly demonstrating devotion. Dolly, delighted, discarded derision, discontinued disparagements. Dick's diamond decorates Dolly's dainty digit.—Christian Register.

**Costly Curiosity.**  
 A friend of ours has handed us this interesting definition: Curiosity—Paying a thousand dollars to see your appendix.—New Haven Register.

**Understanding.**  
 More hate would be mellowed to love by intimate knowledge than would regard to disfavor. A smattering information is a treacherous possession. All it requires to effect better relations between nations as well as individuals is knowledge, and more knowledge.

**Greatest Joy in Life.**  
 Life would not be worth the living, worth the pain and struggle, were it not for joy, the joy of loving and being loved.—F. L. Ogden.

**Paper for Excelsior.**  
 A machine has been brought out recently which shreds various kinds of paper that are fed into it, making it into soft material which can be used for packing in place of excelsior and the like. By utilizing their waste paper in this way, many firms are reducing the cost of preparing fragile goods for shipment.

**Lost Motion.**  
 "I've climbed these stairs six times to see you, sir," said the bill collector. "Too bad, too bad," murmured Mr. Jobbles. "Now, what do you think of that, sir?" "Um. Well, I guess that comes under the head of lost motion."

**Success From Failure.**  
 We mount to heaven mostly on the ruins of our cherished schemes, finding our failures our successes.—A. Bronson Alcott.

**Daily Thought.**  
 Victories that are easy are cheap. Those only are worth having which come as the result of hard fighting.—Beecher.

**Excusing Him.**  
 When a moralist turns satirist people are apt to say: "How good-natured his fun is!" They know it isn't; but they have to say something to keep from taking his remarks seriously.—New York Evening Sun.



**Jupiter's Belts.**  
 It has been suggested by Lau that the reason Jupiter has belts instead of zones of spots is to be found in its rapid rotation. The material forced upward from the lower strata of the planet, bringing with it a smaller linear velocity than that of the surface, streams eastward, assuming the look of elongated streaks. If the centers of eruption are sufficiently numerous, belts are formed; and it is suggested that, were the sun's rotation much more rapid than it is, the solar surface at spot maximum would also present dark streaks.

**No Prohibition on This.**  
 Here's an old sentiment worth recalling at this time: The spirit of '76—Distilled by our fathers, may it never be diluted by their sons.—Boston Transcript.

**Very Rare.**  
 "Do you see that young fellow working hard over there?" said the manager of a factory. "He's made up his mind that one day he is going to get my job away from me." "Is that so?" said the visitor. "I shouldn't think you'd keep him around here, then." "Great Scott, man! I'd be very lucky if every fellow in this factory had the same idea!"

**Astronomically Speaking.**  
 You can't dance de stars to bed an' foller de sun 'round de daytime.—Atlanta Constitution.

**Precise.**  
 Scotch Sergeant—"And noo we'll try the richt tur-rn by numbers, and mind that ye don't move till ye hear the final syllable of the wor-rd tur-rn!"—Passing Show.

### Voter's Catechism

D. Have you read the Constitution of the United States?  
 R. Yes.  
 D. What form of Government is this?  
 R. Republic.  
 D. What is the Constitution of the United States?  
 R. It is the fundamental law of this country.  
 D. Who makes the laws of the United States?  
 R. The Congress.  
 D. What does Congress consist of?  
 R. Senate and House of Representatives.  
 D. Who is our State Senator?  
 R. Wilbur P. Graff.

D. Who is the chief executive of the United States?  
 R. President.  
 D. For how long is the President of the United States elected?  
 R. Four years.  
 D. Who takes the place of the President in case he dies?  
 R. The Vice President.  
 D. What is his name?  
 R. Thomas R. Marshall.  
 D. By whom is the President of the United States elected?  
 R. By the electors.  
 D. By whom are the electors chosen?  
 R. By the people.  
 D. Who makes the laws for the State of Pennsylvania?  
 R. The Legislature.  
 D. What does the Legislature consist of?  
 R. Senate and Assembly.  
 D. Who is our Assemblyman?  
 R. Wilmer H. Wood.  
 D. How many States in the union?  
 R. Forty-eight.  
 D. When was the Declaration of Independence signed?  
 R. July 4, 1776.  
 D. By whom was it written?  
 R. Thomas Jefferson.  
 D. Which is the capital of the United States?  
 R. Washington.  
 D. Which is the capital of the state of Pennsylvania?  
 R. Harrisburg.  
 D. How many Senators has each state in the United States?  
 R. Two.  
 D. Who are our U. S. Senators?  
 R. Boise Penrose and George T. Oliver.  
 D. By whom are they elected?  
 R. By the people.  
 D. For how long?  
 R. Six years.  
 D. How many representa-

tives are there?  
 R. 435. According to the population one to every 211,000, (the ratio fixed by Congress after each decennial census.)  
 D. For how long are they elected?  
 R. Two years.  
 D. Who is our Congressman?  
 R. Nathan L. Strong.  
 D. How many electoral votes has the state of Pennsylvania?  
 R. Thirty-eight.  
 D. Who is the chief executive of the state of Pennsylvania?  
 R. The Governor.  
 D. For how long is he elected?  
 R. 4 years.  
 D. Who is the Governor?  
 R. Martin G. Brumbaugh.  
 D. Do you believe in organized government?  
 R. Yes.  
 D. Are you opposed to organized government?  
 R. No.  
 D. Are you an anarchist?  
 R. No.  
 D. What is an anarchist?  
 R. A person who does not believe in organized government.  
 D. Are you a bigamist or polygamist?  
 R. No.  
 D. What is a bigamist or polygamist?  
 R. One who believes in having more than one wife.  
 D. Do you belong to any secret society who teaches to disbelieve in organized government?  
 R. No.  
 D. Have you ever violated any laws of the United States?  
 R. No.  
 D. Who makes the ordinances for the City?  
 R. The board of aldermen.  
 D. Do you intend to remain permanently in the U. S.?  
 R. Yes.

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